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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO INDIAN/PAKISTANI AIR CHIEFS OF STAFF

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1. EMBASSY SEES NO PROBLEM IN INVITATION TO INDIAN AIR CHIEF OF STAFF AND BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE USEFUL MEANS OF RENEWING INDO-US MILITARY CONTACTS AT SENIOR LEVEL. CURRENT AIR CHIEF MARSHAL O.P. MEHRA WILL PROBABLY STEP DOWN MARCH 1975 AND ANY INVITATION TO HIM SHOULD PROVIDE FOR HIS TRAVEL TO THE US WELL IN ADVANCE OF THAT DATE IF EXCHANGE IS TO BE BENEFICIAL. EMBASSY ALSO STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT INVITATIONS TO INDIAN AND PAKISTANI AIR CHIEFS SHOULD BE EXTENDED AT THE SAME TIME EVEN THOUGH PAKISTANI VISIT MAY PRECEDE THAT OF THE INDIAN. BOTH INDIAN AND PAKISTANI INVITEES SHOULD BE CLEARLY NOTIFIED THAT THE OTHER IS ALSO BEING INVITED.

2. WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO TIME FRAME FOR PLANNED VISITS. REF A SPEAKS OF 1974 WITH PAKISTANI VISIT PERHAPS AS EARLY AS MID-APRIL. REF B REFERS TO FY-75 WITH IMPLICATION ALL VISITS WILL BE AFTER JULY 1974. REF B ALSO LEADS US TO BELIEVE THERE
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NO CERTAINTY THAT INDIAN OR PAKISTANI WILL BE INVITED AT ALL

AMONG THE AIRCHIEFS WHO MAY BE SELECTED BY CHIEF OF STAFF
USAF. WE WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT INVITATION
TO ONE BUT NOT THE OTHER OF SUBCONTINENTAL AIRCHIEFS AND WOULD
SEE INVITATION PARTICULARLY TO PAKISTANI WITHOUT PARELLEL
INVITATION TO INDIAN AS NEGATIVE CONSIDERATION IN DEVELOPMENT
OF OUR MILITARY CONTACTS HERE.
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